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LETTER DATED 2 FEBRUARY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKEY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In my capacity as the representative of the country that is the current Chairman of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of the statement adopted by the group of countries members of the OIC in the United Nations on 1 February 1993 in connection with the Palestinian deportees.

I shall appreciate it if you would kindly have this statement circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

The members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference met in New York on 1 February 1993 to consider the recent developments with regard to the grave and dangerous situation resulting from the illegal mass deportation, on 17 December 1992, by the Israeli Government of over 400 Palestinian civilians to Lebanon from the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem. The members recalled the final declaration, regarding the matter, of the meeting of the Bureau of the Sixth Islamic Summit Enlarged to the Chairmen of the Standing Committees, held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 11 January 1993. They also recalled the statement issued by the Committee on Palestine of the OIC, on 30 December 1992, on the same matter.

The members expressed their appreciation to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for his forthright report, dated 25 January 1993 and submitted to the Security Council in accordance with resolution 799 (1992), especially his recommendation to the Security Council that it "should take whatever measures are required to ensure that its unanimous decision, as set out in resolution 799 (1992), is respected". The members stressed the importance of the Secretary-General's intention with regard to the establishment of a United Nations monitoring mechanism in the occupied territories, in accordance with resolution 681 (1990).

The members of the OIC, while reiterating their strong condemnation of Israel for the deportations, which constitute a grave breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949, seriously violate the sovereignty of Lebanon as well as jeopardize the peace process currently under way; affirmed the absolute need for the Security Council to ensure respect for its decision and for Article 25 of the Charter of the United Nations through the adoption of a new resolution, under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, with specific sanctions against Israel, the occupying Power, with the aim of enforcing resolution 799 (1992). In this regard, the members expressed their support for the endeavours of the Arab Group and endorsed the draft resolution proposed by the Group on the issue.

The members of the OIC decided to remain seized of the matter and to participate effectively in the deliberations of the Security Council and to closely observe any developments in this regard.